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Don't Miss Out on Your Full Tax Refund ***Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites open January 20th***

Mayor Ed Garza and the City Council announced its plans today to put money in the pockets of San Antonio's working families by offering free income tax filing.

Through the San Antonio Coalition for Family Economic Progress (SACFEP), the City's Department of Community Initiatives' (DCI) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites will prepare tax returns **free of charge** for local residents with household incomes up to \$34,692.

"This free service returns \$1,500 to the average tax payer and can save them between \$150 to \$200 in preparation and processing fees", said Mayor Garza.

According the Brookings Institute, the Earned Income Tax Credit serves as the single most effective federal strategy in lifting working families out of poverty.

SACFEP will operate 35 VITA sites beginning January 20 through April 15th. These sites will maintain day and evening hours, plus Saturdays at most locations.

"VITA provides a great public service to our residents. Moreover, our working families have earned it, and now we want to help them claim it, so they can invest it in their families well-being," stated Dennis J. Campa, director of the City's Department of Community Initiatives.

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When visiting the VITA sites, taxpayers should bring a driver's license or photo ID; all W-2 forms; 1099 forms, if applicable; social security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers for all family members. Those who are filing joint must bring their spouse.

The San Antonio Coalition for Family Economic Progress, is a partnership between the City of San Antonio, United Way of San Antonio-Bexar County, Internal Revenue Service, Our Lady of the Lake University, Making Connections a local initiative of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Catholic Charities and other community and faith-based organizations.

The program not only helps San Antonio families get the most out of their tax return, but it also serves as a workforce development opportunity.

Through the Alamo Workforce Development Board, Inc., the City operates the Youth Opportunity Program (YO) for young adults residing in the federally designated Empowerment Zone. SACFEP trains YO members to serve as tax preparers at the VITA sites.

YO members gain short-term occupational skills training, which ties directly to five targeted occupations identified by local labor market data.

"YO members participation in VITA has made San Antonio a national leader in offering working families free tax preparation services, while at the same time preparing them for the 21st Century workforce," said Alan Miller, Executive Director Alamo Workforce Development, Inc.

The YO members prepare tax returns, assist with clerical duties and general site operations. Volunteers preparing tax returns are trained in basic tax law and tax preparation software.

The DCI VITA locations and hours are as follows:

Name	Address	Days Open	Time
Valley View Com. Link Ctr.	8523 Blanco Rd.	Mon-Thurs Sat	11:00am- 5:00pm 10:00am-2:00pm
CAP East/Claude Black CC	2805 E Commerce St	Mon-Thurs every other Sat beginning Jan 31st	9:00am- 3:30pm 9:00am-1:00pm
Pearsall Community Center	5102 Old Pearsall Rd	Mon-Thurs Sat	1:00pm- 7:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm
YWCA	503 Castroville Rd	Mon-Thurs Sat	1:00pm-7:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm
Guadalupe Community Center	1801 W Durango	Mon-Thurs Sat	1:00pm-7:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm
Bazan Library	2200 W Commerce St	Mon-Tues-Thurs Wed Sat	1:00pm- 7:00pm 1:00 pm-5:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm
Sunnybrook Academy	1620 Pinn Rd	Mon-Thurs Sat	1:00pm-7:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm
IRS Building	5835 Callaghan Road	Mon- Fri Sat	8:30am- 4:30pm 9:00am- 1:00pm
Thousand Oaks Library	4618 Thousand Oaks	Mon-Wed Thurs Sat	1:00pm- 7:00pm 1:00pm- 4:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm
Billa LLDC	1033 Ada	Mon- Thurs Sat	1:00pm- 7:00pm 9:00am- 1:00pm
Ed Cody Library	11441 Vance Jackson	Mon-Wed Thurs Sat	1:00pm- 7:00pm 1:00pm- 4:00pm 9:00am- 1:00pm
St. John Baptist	119 W. Olmos Dr.	Mon-Thurs Wed Sat	1:00pm- 7:00pm 1:00pm-4:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm
Antioch	210 S. Grimes	Mon-Thurs Sat	1:00pm- 7:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm
S.A.I.L.S . (Disabled Individuals Only)	1028 S. Alamo	Tues. and Thurs.	9:00am-4:00pm * Appointments Only*
Benetia Family Center	4650 Eldridge	Mon,Tues & Thurs Sat(2 nd & 4 th only)	3:00pm-7:30pm 9:00am-1:00pm
Lanier High School	1514 W. Durango	Wed Sat	4:30pm-7:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm
Mirasol Housing & AVANCE SA	4222 El Paso	Mon, Wed, & Thurs Tues Sat	4:00pm-8:00pm 2:30pm-6:30pm 10:00am-2:00pm
Our Lady of the Lake University	411 S. W. 24 th St. 431-4025	Beginning Feb. 2 nd Mon & Wed Sat	*Appointments Only* 3:00pm-6:00pm 10:00am-2:00pm
St. Alphonsus Church	1006 San Carlos	Mon-Fri Sat	5:00pm-9:00pm 1:00pm-5:00pm
St.Mary's University SBC Technology Center	1 Camino Santa Maria Enter thru Culebra	Beginning Feb 3 rd Tues & Thurs Sat	5:00pm-8:00pm 9:00am-2:00pm
Sul Ross Middle School & Bank One	3630 Callaghan Rd.	Beginning Jan 28 th Mon & Wed Sat	* Appointment Only* 6:00pm-8:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm
A New Beginning Comm. Baptist Church	734 S.W. 35 TH St.	Mon, Tues, Thurs Sat	1:00pm-7:00pm 9:00am-1:00pm

Taxpayers with questions about VITA and its locations can call the United Way helpline at 227-4357 or 211. For more information, call DCI at 207-6095 or visit www.sanantonio.gov/communit.